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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1045

Introduced by Assembly Member Firebaugh

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 853 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1045, as amended, Firebaugh. Healing arts: practice.

Existing law provides for a Task Force on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists in the Department of Consumer Affairs. Pursuant to existing law there is a subcommittee within the task force to examine the feasibility of a pilot program allowing Mexican and Caribbean licensed physicians and dentists to practice in nonprofit community health centers in medically under-serviced areas. Existing law requires the subcommittee to report to the task force by March 1, 2001, and requires the report to be forwarded to the Legislature by April 1, 2001, with any additional comments.

This bill would require the report's recommendations to be incorporated into the relevant statutory provisions by the enactment of a statute and would extend the dates for the subcommittee's submission of the report to the task force and the forwarding of the report to the Legislature.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 853 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 853. (a) A subcommittee of the task force established in
4 Section 852 is hereby created to examine the feasibility of
5 establishing a pilot program that would allow Mexican and
6 Caribbean licensed physicians and dentists to practice in nonprofit
7 community health centers in California's medically underserved
8 areas.
9 (b) The subcommittee shall consist of the following members:
10 (1) The State Director of Health Services, who shall serve as
11 the chair.
12 (2) The Executive Director of the Medical Board of California.
13 (3) The Executive Director of the Dental Board of California.
14 (4) The Director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning
15 and Development.
16 (c) Additional subcommittee members shall be appointed by
17 the State Director of Health Services, including the following:
18 (1) Representatives of organizations that advocate on behalf of
19 California licensed physicians and dentists.
20 (2) A representative of a nonprofit clinic association that
21 advocates on behalf of members of language and ethnic minority
22 groups and provides health services to a patient population that
23 meets the following characteristics:
24 (A) Over 77 percent of patients are members of ethnic groups.
25 (B) Over 92 percent of patients have incomes less than 200
26 percent of the poverty level.
27 (C) Over 62 percent of patients do not speak English as their
28 primary language.
29 (d) The subcommittee shall report to the task force by ~~May~~
30 *June 15, 2001*, and the task force shall forward the report, with any
31 additional comments, to the Legislature by ~~July 1~~ *August 15, 2001*.
32 The report's recommendations shall be incorporated into this
33 chapter by the enactment of a statute.

1 (e) The Medical Board of California and the Dental Board of
2 California shall pay the state administrative costs of implementing
3 this section.

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